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Sir/Madame:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08A is a listing of one Japanese reference that recently became known to applicants and/or their attorney and a partial translation into English. No fee is required (37 CFR §1.97(b)(3)).

The reference discloses "second cushion members 3" inserted into "first cushion members 2". Contrary to the present invention, the second cushion members 3 appear to be used to join and align the first cushion members 2. Also unlike the present invention, rubber rings 20 are fitted over the second cushion members.

Applicants seek to have this reference available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see.

Enclosed are:

- (1) Form PTO/SB/08A;
- (2) Copies of the reference;
- (3) Certificate of Mailing; and
- (4) Return postcard.

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